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In re application of:

STUELPNAGEL *et al.*

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METHODS FOR PREPARING
OLIGONUCLEOTIDE
SOLUTIONS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002 for the above-identified U.S. patent application. A petition for a 3-month extension and requisite fee is submitted with the filing of this response. This response is timely filed on or before February 13, 2003. In addition, an RCE and requisite fee are submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension of time fees or other relief as may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-68364-1/RMS/DCF[469249-170]).

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Cancel claims 1 and 11-16 and add new claims 27-32.

~~2. (Amended) A method according to claim 27, 28, 29 or 30, wherein said first and second oligonucleotides comprise oligonucleotides of known sequence.~~